

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING

DATE: 4/21/03

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AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA	ORIGINATING DEPT: Public Works	ITEM NO. D-21
ITEM DESCRIPTION: Local Street Detour Agreement : TH 52 West Frontage Road from 19 th Street to 26 th Street NW		PREPARED BY: R. Freese <i>RF</i>

ZRC and MnDOT have formally requested that the City authorize the use of three City streets as a detour for local traffic during the reconstruction of the TH 52 West Frontage Road north of 19th Street NW. The proposed detour would begin about May 15, 2003 and last for approximately 90 days.

ZRC proposes to reconstruct the TH 52 West Frontage Road (TH 52 WFR) north of 19th Street NW to a point near the existing 19th Street exit from Southbound TH 52. The detour is necessitated by the construction of a new retaining wall that will separate the new southbound TH 52 mainline lanes from the new TH 52 southbound off-ramp for 19th Street and the realigned WFR. The mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) retaining wall construction will expedite the work in this area, but it also impacts the available workspace.

ZRC proposes to convert the existing two-way TH 52 WFR to a southbound roadway during the reconstruction period. This necessitates their request for the local street detour. The proposed detour will route all northbound TH 52 WFR traffic along 19th Street NW to 18 ½ Avenue NW. Traffic will proceed northbound on 18 ½ Avenue NW to either the intersections of 24th Street or 26th Street. Traffic destined for the existing TH 52 WFR businesses will use 24th Street to access the southbound TH 52 WFR. Traffic destined for the Heritage Manor Apartments will use 26th Street NW to access the southbound TH 52 WFR. IBM previously closed access to their property (in particular their Park) from the TH 52 WFR so there is no need to accommodate that northbound WFR traffic during the reconstruction of the TH 52 WFR.

ZRC, MnDOT and City staff held an informational meeting with TH 52 WFR business owners and tenants on April 8, 2003. The project and related traffic detours and access impacts were explained. Questions were answered and phone numbers of key ZRC, MnDOT and City staff were given to attendees. A similar meeting was held on April 15, 2003 with property owner along 18 ½ Avenue NW.

Public Works staff has reviewed the proposed TH 52 WFR construction plan and the proposed detour. We concur that it is not possible to reconstruct the 19th Street Interchange southbound off-ramp without restricting the TH 52 WFR to one-way southbound traffic. We also concur with the proposed detour route using 18 ½ Avenue and 24th Street and 26th Street for northbound traffic to access the TH 52 WFR businesses and apartments. We recommend the City Council approval of the Local Street Detour Agreement subject to the following conditions:

1. ZRC shall be responsible for all traffic control signing.
2. ZRC shall be responsible for all business "trailblazing" directional signage consistent with established MnDOT requirements.
3. ZRC shall submit the traffic control plan and "trailblazing" directional signage plan to the City Engineer for review prior to implementation.
4. The intersection of 18 ½ Avenue and 24th Street NW shall be signed as a four-way stop.
5. Parking shall be restricted along the east side of 18 ½ Avenue and along the south side of 24th Street and 26th Street during the detour period.
6. The detour shall remain in affect for no longer than calendar 100 days.
7. ZRC shall be responsible to repair all damage to City streets caused by their use as an officially designated local street detour route.
8. ZRC shall reimburse the City for the road life consumed by the detour as set forth in MnDOT's Detour Management Study Final Report (Gas Tax Method) dated January 1991.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Local Street Detour Agreement with ZRC and MnDOT for the reconstruction of the TH 52 West Frontage Road pursuant to above noted the conditions.

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by: _____ Second by: _____ to: _____

19th Street NW Frontage Road Detour

